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For: DRUGS FOR CHRONIC PAIN

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND  
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement dated February 23, 2007, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-10), drawn to compounds of Formula (I). The Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the compound 1-[4-(nitrooxymethyl)benzoylaminomethyl]-cyclohexaneacetic acid (XVA) of claim 6 for prosecution on the merits, which has the following formula: